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DATA PROCESSING METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the Singapore Patent Office in an Australian Patent Office Search Report dated May 10, 2001.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no Office

Action has yet been received in the above-identified application.

Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, hereby certifies that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) for any non-English language references cited in the European Patent Office Action.

A copy of the Search Report from the Australian Patent Office showing the relevance of the attached references is also submitted herewith.

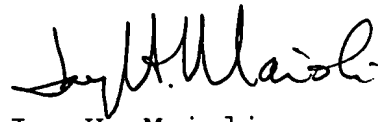
Japanese Patent No. 8 265 189 (Yoichiro) apparently relates to a service information receiver and information transmitter-receiver for allowing an enterprise to manage users without complicated operations in the case of broadcasting charged service information.

Japanese Patent No. 8 307 558 (Kazuhiro) apparently relates to a communication information service system and information service terminal which prevents communication trouble between the information distribution side and the information receiving side by distributing only the information stored in the respective information service terminals.

Japanese Patent No. 9 265 731 (Kazunori et al.) apparently relates to a speech recording and reproducing system and speech reproducing device which is suitable for a headphone stereo application and which is capable of quickly adapting to user preferences or the latest trends in music.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,
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